Manilla Conference on Global March against Child Labour

2211. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: SHRI RAJUBHAI. PARMAR:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether a delegation led by Chairperson South Asian Coalition on Child Sevitude was sent to participate in the conference on Global March against child labour in Manilla, in January this year;

(b) if so, what observations and suggestions for abolition of Child Sevitude in India were made therein; and

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA): (a) Government is not aware of any Conference on Global March against Child Labour held at Manilla in January, 1998.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Growth Rate of Employment Generation

2212. DR. B.B. DUTTA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) how far the structural reforms initiated in 1991 helped in generating employment, so far;

(b) what has been the growth rate in employment generation both in public sector as well as private sector since 1990-91;

(c) the backlog of unemployed at the end of the Eighth Five Year Plan;

(d) how it compares with that at the end of the Sixth and Seventh Plan; and

(e) details of steps taken by Government to accelerate employment generation?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA): (a) to (d) No specific-study has been conducted by the Government to find out the effects of structural reforms on employment. Estimates of unemployment at the end of Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Five Year Plan are not available. However, according to data available from the labour force surveys carried out by National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO) in 1983, 1987-88 and 1993-94 (latest available), Annual Rate of Growth of Employment has increased from 1.77% in 1983-1987-88, to 2.23% in 1987-88-1993-94 and the number of unemployed as on 1.7.83, 1.1.88 and 1.1.94 was of the order of 8 million, 12 million and 9 million respectively. Estimate of Average annual growth rate of employment in organised public and private sectors between 31st March 1990 to 31st March 1997 was around 0.7% and 1.6% respectively.

(e) The Approach to the Ninth Plan envisages priority to agriculture and rural development with a view to generating adequate productive employment and eradication of poverty. Greater productive employment will be generated in the growth process itself by concentrating on sector, sub-sectors and technologies which are labour intensive, in regions characterised by higher rates of unemployment and underemployment.

Workers Laid off/Voluntary Retired in PSUs

2213. SHRI ASHOK MITRA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of employees who have been laid off or formally thrown out of employment because of the closure of lack of activities in public sector undertakings since June, 1991;

(b) the number of workers in the public sector who have received the benefit of voluntary retirement schemes during this period; and

(c) whether Government intend to use any part of the proceeds of disinvestment of public enterprises either to compensate or to rehabilitate employees who lose their jobs because of this kind of 'reforms'?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA): (a) Statement at annexure shows the total number of workers who have been laid off and retrenched in the Central and the State sphere since 1991. The number of units which have affected the lay off and retrenchment is also given in the statement. (*see* below).

(b) According to information available upto 31.5.98, a total of 1,10.104 workers in the Central Public Sector Undertakings have availed of the benefit of the voluntary retirement scheme with the assistance of the National Renewal Fund.

(c) The Union Budget for 1998-99, contains a proposal for setting up a separate Restructuring Fund for the employess of loss making Public Sector Undertaking. The latter will be advanced funds from the budget to offer compensation package to the workers.

Statement

Number of Units Effecting Lay Off & Workers Laid off During 1991-97: By Spheres

Year	Central Sphere		State Sphere		Total	
	A	B	A	B	A	B
1991(P)	46	10791	415	60269	461	71060
1992(P)	101	47979	376	59633	477	107612
1993(P)	52	19212	373	46416	425	65628
1994(P)	60	17806	282	40261	342	58067
1995(P)	21	8176	263	53810	284	61986
1996(P)	54	14291	253	47046	307	61337
1997(P)	52	21601	207	42100	259	63701

Number of Units Effecting Retrenchment and Workers Retrenched Therein During 1991-97: by Spheres

Year	Central Sphere		State Sphere		Total	
	A	B	A	B	A	B
1991(P)	2	54	233	4342	235	4396
1992(P)	2	85	220	3751	222	3836
1993(P)	3	178	186	2713	189	2819
1994(P)	—	—	135	2192	135	2192
1995(P)	—	—	94	1792	94	1792
1996(P)	4	285	75	2087	79	2372
1997(P)	10	526	36	1260	46	1786

Source: Labour Bureau Shimla.
A = Number of Units
B= Workers Retrenched
(P) = Provisional
Central Sphere and State Sphere include Public Sector Undertakings